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#### **Abstract**

The present invention provides an immunogenic composition comprising a fusion protein and a saponin adjuvant. The fusion protein comprises a heterologous hydrophobic peptide that is fused to the N-terminus and/or to the C-terminus of a core polypeptide. The core polypeptide comprises at least one protective epitope. The saponin adjuvant in this composition is present in a free form. Also provided are vaccines comprising the immunogenic composition and optionally an additional immunoactive component. Methods for the preparation of such vaccines, and use of the immunogenic composition for the manufacture of a vaccine are provided as well.

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#### **Field of the Invention**

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#### **Background of the Invention**

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#### **Summary of the Invention**

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#### **Detailed Description of the Invention**

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